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ST. MICHAELS, Ariz.—The first ever human rights government to government initiative between a city government and the Navajo Nation will be signed on May 19, 2010 at 11 a.m. at City Hall in Grants, N.M.

The Navajo Nation Intergovernmental Relations Committee overwhelmingly endorsed of the Memorandum of Agreement to address human rights violations in border towns today.

Nearly a year ago, the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission submitted the MOA to the City of Grants to engage the city to address the human rights issues.

Grants' Mayor Joe Murrieta signed the MOA on April 29, 2010 after City Council approved the MOA on April 27, 2010.

On May 19, 2010, NNHRC Chair Duane H. Yazzie, U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service Consolation Specialist Grace Sage Musser, Ph.D., and the City of Grants Mayor Joe Murieta will sign the formal MOA at the signing ceremony.

Press Conference

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

11 a.m.

City Hall

Council Chambers

Grants, New Mexico

The mission statement of NNHRC is "To protect and promote the human rights of Navajo Nation citizens by advocating human equality at the local, state, national and international levels based on the Diné principles of Sa'a Naaghai Bik'e Hozhoo, Hashkééjį, Hózhóóįį and K'é."

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